

# WØMTL - **Mark Twain Land Area News** - WØKEM

## NOVEMBER, 2007



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!  
PRAISE GOD FOR OUR BOUNTIFUL GIFTS IN  
THIS LAND OF PLENTY, AND REMEMBER  
THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE!**

### HARC OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT: MARK CARPENTER, NØZOF**  
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**SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL**  
**TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL**  
**TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA**  
**EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday  
November 14, - 2007 at 7:30 PM**

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.  
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

### LAST FCC VE TEST FOR YR 2007

Last VE FCC exams in 2007 will be November 14 @ 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arrrl.net or 573-221-8618. The 2007 test fee is still \$14.00 and goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

**HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
By Fred Miller, KBØWIL**

**Date: October 2007**

The HARC meeting scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was cancelled.

### **TREASURER REPORT: Tony WØPGL**

Cash \$-900.58    CD \$-1,188.26    Total  
\$-2,088.84

### **REPEATER REPORT: Fred-KBØWIL**

The 146.625 repeater controller and the AC surge suppressor strip were badly damaged by lightning on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. I sent the Arcom controller in for repair on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. I received the controller back from Arcom on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. I acquired a new Radio Shack AC surge suppressor strip as well. The 625 repeater was put back in service on October 15<sup>th</sup>. As these minutes are being typed the repeater sounds great, so hopefully we won't have any more bad storms. The 146.880

repeater is still going strong, good thing we had it for backup during the night of the tornado, to run our weather net.

### **HARC MEMBER OF THE YEAR:**

Don't forget that we will be nominating club members for HARC member of the year, at the next club meeting in November. The nominee should be a member who has contributed by contributions, time donated, club presentations, etc. We will take the final vote at our December meeting.

### **HARC OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2008:**

We will also be taking nominations for HARC officers at the next club meeting in November. We will have the final nomination and vote at or meeting in December.

### **CURRENT 2007 OFFICERS:**

President- Mark -N0ZOF  
Vice-Pres-J.D.-W0AJD  
Treasurer-Tony-W0PGL  
Secretary-Fred-KB0WIL

### **HARC DINNER/GET-TOGETHER FEB 2008**

We are going to have our annual HARC dinner at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Hannibal, Mo in February 2008. Everyone buys his or her own meal. We need to decide, what time and date we are going to have our supper. The supper we had this year we started at approximately 5:00PM. What ever the majority wants to do. The dates in February 2008 for ( Saturday ) are the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will need to decide by the meeting in December and have a head count of members attending, so that Fred-KB0WIL can make the necessary reservations.

### **VE TESTING NEXT MEETING:**

Since we cancelled the meeting in October, we are going to have the VE testing at our club meeting in November. The testing will start at approximately 8:30PM, right after the club meeting. If you or any other ham wants to take a test, contact Cliff-K0CA.

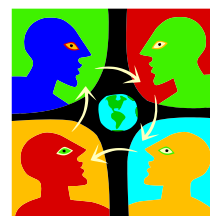
Minutes of the meeting as recorded by:  
Fred-KB0WIL....Secretary...

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Pray for our soldiers and our great country

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Around the World

## **DX & Computer Horizons November 2007 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA**

For you CW contesters, don't miss the CQ World Wide DX CW contest this month on the weekend of November 24-25. And there is often lots of activity before and after the contest. Congratulations are in order for one of our local DX group, Bob AB9DU, who has recently completed 5BWAS, 160m WAS and WAZ. Bob has confirmed DXCC on 10M, 15M, 17M, 20M, 40M, and has worked 270 DXCC entities. In Bob's words, "People say "the bands are lousy" ... not true." In recent weeks, Bob has worked VU, 8Q7 and HS and several new ones in Africa. Let's follow Bob's example, and turn on our radios, set some operating goals for ourselves to accomplish this winter, and go work some DX.

4U1 ITU HQ. The International Amateur Radio Union's club station 4U1ITU will be on the air

signing 4U1WRC between October 22nd and November 16th from Geneva, during the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC).

8Q MALDIVES. Claudio, HB9OAU, plans to be active as 8Q7AU from October 29th-November 10th.

CT3 MADEIRA ISLANDS. Look for Jose CT1BOH using the callsign CT3NT during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest November 24-25th. QSL via CT1BOH, direct or LoTW. For more information, see his Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/ct1boh/ct3nt.htm>.

HS THAILAND. A special event station HS35SEA will operate from the 35th SEANET Convention in the town of Lampang from November 8-11th. For more information, check out [http://www.sabah.net.my/seanet/seanet\\_2007.htm](http://www.sabah.net.my/seanet/seanet_2007.htm).

SP POLAND. A special event station HF100SK will commemorate the 100th anniversary of scouts in Poland now through the end of 2007. QSL via SP7ZIA.

XU CAMBODIA. Retu OH4MDY plans to be active signing OH4MDY from Cambodia between October 24 and November 12. QSL via OH4MDY.

V8 Brunei. A DXpedition team will operate from Brunei between November 4 and November 19. Operators and callsigns to be used are V8FWP (PA3EWP) V8FDM (GM4FDM) and V8FWU (F5CWU). For QSL routes for the three calls, go to <http://www.v8.pa7fm.nl/> and click on QSL.

My computer tip of the month is a reminder about AC6V's web site <http://www.ac6v.com/>, which has an excellent index of amateur radio and DX web sites. Rod accurately describes his collection as "The Gateway Index to Amateur Radio." It's fun to just browse the list of hundreds of categories and thousands of web pages.

Thanks to the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

## **NET CONTROL OPERATORS** **2M 146.625/146.880**

### **NOVEMBER 2007**

<b>5</b>	<b>KB9VIS</b>	<b>BRIAN</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>KBØWIL</b>	<b>FRED</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>WØAJD</b>	<b>JD</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>WØPGL</b>	<b>TONY</b>

Thanks to those of you who voluntarily call the net on Monday evenings. We would like to have more operators participate, so if you are able to call the net, please contact Fred, KBØWIL, and we will add your name to the list. Also, if any of the members listed are not going to be available, please contact one of the other members to replace you.

### **Hams Activate as Wildfires Ravage Southern California, San Diego Area**



As fires raged through parts of the San Diego area and other areas in Southern California, ham radio operators did their part to ensure the safety of residents either affected or threatened by the fires. ARES groups in San Diego were activated on Monday, October 22 and continued to assist their served agencies until early Wednesday morning. Sixty hams were called to service by the County of San Diego's Emergency Medical Service.

According to ARRL San Diego Section Emergency Coordinator James J. Cammarano II, KG6R, hams assisted at the San Diego Medical Operations Center, six trauma centers and 16 community hospitals. Hams served as a resource, Cammarano said, "to be used in case primary circuits to hospital communications were lost due to either overload or power interruptions." In addition to these 60 amateurs, another dozen or so hams were activated by the Red Cross.

\*From arri.com ~ See complete article online.

**This proves that we as amateur radio operators are important wherever there are emergencies.**

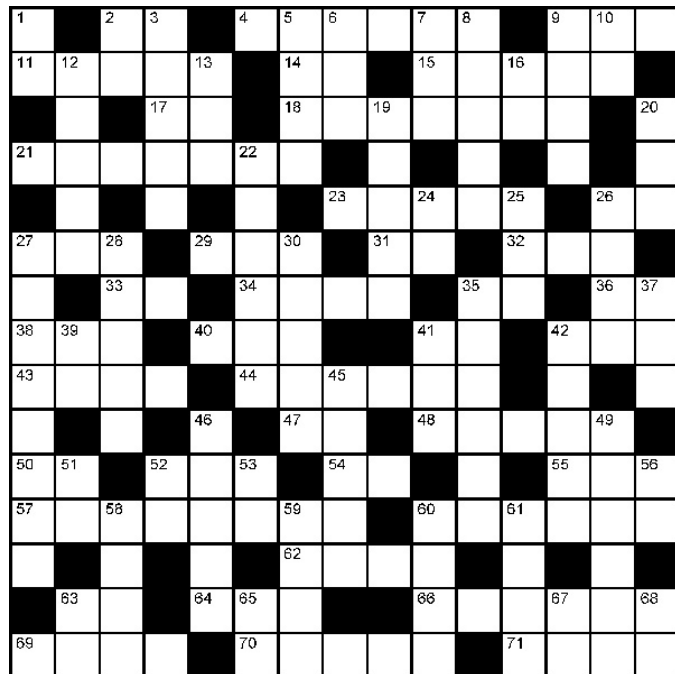
### The Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzler

*By H. Ward Silver, N0AX*

*October 26, 2007*

#### *What's Your Call?*

During a big contest or DXpedition, the bands are full of signals giving the most important part of any transmission. The call sign! Nothing is more important to a ham than his or her identity, so closely bound up with the call sign. I have friends whose call signs are etched in my mind, but whose last names are a true challenge to remember. You too, huh? It really must be true that we receive our calls in exchange for our last names! At any rate, here's a call sign puzzle to do when the pileups ebb.



#### **Across**

- 2. Add to your call in flight
- 4. Make up most of a call
- 9. Administers US calls
- 11. Power amplifier
- 14. Suffix of the top DeSoto Cup operator
- 15. Stuffed in cracks to prevent leakage
- 17. Opposite of HI

- 18. Type of event for which 1x1 calls are used
- 21. Only some of a call
- 23. What a lot of shacks look like
- 26. Everybody else stand by (prosign)
- 27. 10 decibels
- 29. Relay
- 31. Inductor resistance (symbol)
- 32. Administrator of international call sign system
- 33. Home state of the new Sweepstakes Manager
- 34. Island DX award
- 35. Military base store
- 36. Our favorite type of signal
- 38. Mobile antenna mount type
- 40. Both a fuse and a volume controls system
- 41. Prefix meaning "two"
- 42. Affirmative
- 43. Work twice
- 44. Usually separates prefix and suffix
- 47. Continent for 9Y and PJ9 (abbr)
- 48. Amateur sub-service with separate call signs
- 50. Denotes upgrade to General
- 52. Sounds like sending with a left foot
- 54. The old abbreviation meaning Tech Plus
- 55. Our favorite star
- 57. What you say to denote operation away from home
- 60. Refuse or turn away
- 62. The real name of killer whales
- 63. Denotes upgrade to Extra
- 64. Lots of action
- 66. First part of a call sign
- 69. Inject energy into
- 70. Method of seating a BNC connector
- 71. Following in time

#### **Down**

- 1. Range below MF
- 2. The coldest continent (abbr)
- 3. The knights use the prefix 1A
- 5. Electronic QSL service
- 6. Temporary (abbr)
- 7. Place where emergency response is coordinated (abbr)
- 8. Lift
- 9. Always give your call sign in this way
- 10. 10 mm
- 12. Modes for transmitting pictures
- 13. Letter stating your intentions (abbr)
- 16. Microwaves between 18 and 40 GHz
- 19. Top license class
- 20. Highest HF band
- 22. Be given a call sign
- 24. Can give 00 as age in All Asia contest



- 25. Maximum characters in US call sign
- 26. Adds K to standard Hawaiian prefix
- 27. These show where stations are operating
- 28. Elements of quads
- 30. Companion to hocus
- 35. Makes up a call sign
- 37. Method of sending RTTY signals
- 39. Greek letter denoting permeability
- 41. Error rate in digital communications (abbr)
- 42. Fox Tango manufacturer
- 45. Person who creates
- 46. Denotes portable operation on CW
- 49. Ending portion of a call
- 51. Begin
- 52. Quiet (abbr)
- 53. Excellent! (abbr)
- 56. Uses the VO1 prefix
- 58. The only ham call that was all letters
- 59. ARRL's electronic QSL service
- 60. Attention paid to unworked DX station
- 61. Was in the past
- 63. Precious yellow metal (chemical symbol)
- 65. Posting not on the original subject (abbr)
- 67. Magnetic metal (chemical symbol)
- 68. Crosstalk (abbr)

Copied from ARRL site. (Answers will be in next months HARC Newsletter)

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